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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Luca MAFFEIS et al. Conf. 9890

Application No. 10/565,441 Group 3728

Filed January 20, 2006 Examiner J. Kavanaugh

SELF-TAPPING STUD FOR RUBBER SUPPORTS OF SHOES, TYRES AND THE LIKE, AND A TOOL FOR MOUNTING SAID STUD

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 15, 2008

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of April 18, 2008,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.